

SAFETY FIRST

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SAFELY DROPPING OFF & PICKING UP YOUR CHILDREN

Walk or bike when possible to avoid high traffic volumes, especially in the morning.

Take the time to practice your drop off and pick up procedures before school starts.

Two, separate car routes! Parents can drop off and pick up their children on either the East Route or West Route.

The East Route (blue line) takes cars along Hygeia, Cereus, Hermes, Union and into the green Safe Loading Zone in front of the main office and then back to Hygeia the way they came in. There is **no left turn** out of the Safe Loading Zones to prevent traffic jams. There is also no going south on Union beyond the turning point.

The West Route (orange line) takes cars from the north-bound lane on Vulcan into the green Safe Loading Zone in the Kinder Lot, a left onto Union and then back out to Vulcan. There is **no right turn** onto Union from the Kinder Lot exit. Orange cones will block this route.

Queuing on the West Route (orange line) can only begin at dismissal time (2:20 PM M-Th; 12:45 PM F) to prevent blocking of traffic onto Vulcan. Our Sheriff has warned that queuing cars on Vulcan may be ticketed!

JOIN THE PTA!

The PTA is committed to the safety and security of ALL of our children and want your input and support.

If you have any questions, please email pec.tsc@gmail.com. All constructive feedback is encouraged.

PAUL ECKE CENTRAL: SAFER FOR ALL

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

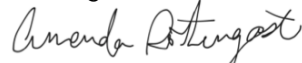
Welcome to a great school year! Years of hard work, collaboration and advocacy means we now have a safer drop off/pick up experience at PEC. There is a stop sign at Cereus and Hygeia as well as at Vulcan and Union. The Orange Line has a queueing lane on Vulcan to get cars off the road. On the Blue Line, the no parking zone on the north side of Cereus means cars can flow better and kids walking and biking to school are safer. We are so thankful for this increase in safety for our families!

Now it is time for us as a school community to step up. Try to walk and bike to school if feasible. Carpool with other neighboring families. Let's be kind to each other, our neighbors and planet.

The Safe Drop Off & Pick Up Routes will take effect starting the first day of school, Monday, August 21, 2017.

Thank you in advance for your help in improving the safety of our children!

Kind regards,


Amanda Rothengast, Principal


Kelly DaSilva, PTA President

SCHOOL SAFETY DOS AND DON'TS

DO USE DESIGNATED SAFE ZONES
Please wait to drop off and pick up your children until you reach the green Safe Loading Zone.

DO PARK PROPERLY
Please use designated parking spaces and public parking. Parking up at Orpheus Park and walking down can be a good alternative for many families.

DO ROLE MODEL GOOD BEHAVIOR
As we transition to this new traffic flow, please be respectful of your safety guards, parent volunteers and safety patrol who may give guidance on the appropriate routes to take.

DO PRACTICE
Please take the time before school starts to practice how you will drop off and pick up.

DO SHARE THIS INFORMATION
Please share your this letter with anyone involved with PEC drop off and pick up.

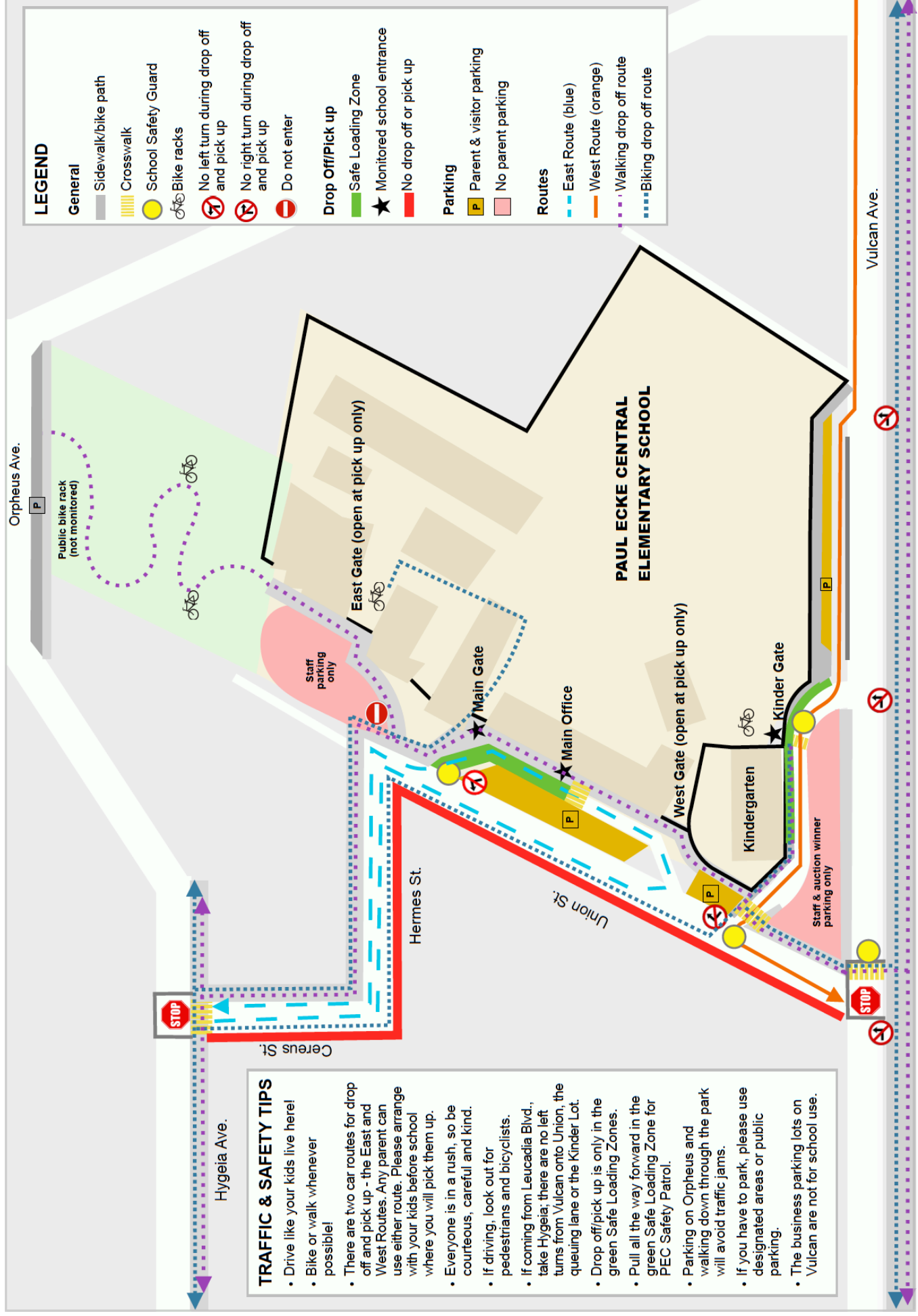
DO BE PATIENT
The transition will take some getting used to. We will collect feedback, review over fall break and make any necessary changes.

DO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR
The business parking lots on Vulcan are not public lots and cannot be used for school parking. Neighboring business will start towing cars, at your expense, should you park in their lots. Also please do not block neighbors' driveways.

DON'T "JUMP THE LINE"
Trying to cut in is disrespectful, dangerous and will be cited.

DON'T HEAD SOUTH ON VULCAN
To arrive at drop off from Leucadia Blvd., please take Hygeia to either Cereus (for the East Route) or to Orpheus and then northbound on Vulcan (for the West Route).

PEC SAFE DROP OFF & PICK UP 2016-2017



LEGEND

- General**
- Sidewalk/bike path
 - Crosswalk
 - School Safety Guard
 - Bike racks
 - No left turn during drop off and pick up
 - No right turn during drop off and pick up
 - Do not enter
- Drop Off/Pick up**
- Safe Loading Zone
 - Monitored school entrance
 - No drop off or pick up
- Parking**
- Parent & visitor parking
 - No parent parking
- Routes**
- East Route (blue)
 - West Route (orange)
 - Walking drop off route
 - Biking drop off route

TRAFFIC & SAFETY TIPS

- Drive like your kids live here!
- Bike or walk whenever possible!
- There are two car routes for drop off and pick up - the East and West Routes. Any parent can use either route. Please arrange with your kids before school where you will pick them up.
- Everyone is in a rush, so be courteous, careful and kind.
- If driving, look out for pedestrians and bicyclists.
- If coming from Leucadia Blvd., take Hygeia; there are no left turns from Vulcan onto Union, the queuing lane or the Kinder Lot.
- Drop off/pick up is only in the green Safe Loading Zones.
- Pull all the way forward in the green Safe Loading Zone for PEC Safety Patrol.
- Parking on Orpheus and walking down through the park will avoid traffic jams.
- If you have to park, please use designated areas or public parking.
- The business parking lots on Vulcan are not for school use.